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SUBJ: KOREA AT 29TH UNGA: FRENCH AMENDMENT

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1. WE INFORMED FRENCH MISSION COUNSELLOR TRAVERT MORNING NOV 27 OF RECEIPT INSTRUCTIONS PERMITTING US TO ACCEPT FRENCH INSPIRED AMENDMENT ON CONDITION ALL OTHER COSPONSORS AGREEABLE AND ON ASSUMPTION FRENCH WILL VOTE IN FAVOR OUR RES. ROK MINISTER HAM TOLD TRAVERT AT SAME TIME THAT FONMIN KIM HAD PERSONALLY APPROVED MODIFICATIONS IN OUR RES. TRAVERT CONFIRMED FRENCH WILL VOTE IN FAVOR FRIENDLY RES AND SUPPORT US ON ANY PROCEDURAL MOTIONS CONNECTED WITH IT.

2. WE AGAIN EMPHASIZED DESIRABILITY OF FRENCH VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE RES ALONG LINES PARA 3 REFTEL A. TRAVERT SAID FRENCH MISSION SYMPATHETIC TO THIS VIEW BUT THAT FRENCH FONMIN OFFICIALS (WHOM WE ASSUME ARE IN ASIAN BUREAU) "STUBBORNLY" REFUSE TO CHANGE INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSTAIN.

3. TRAVERT THEN SAID HE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO TABLE IMMEDIATELY FRENCH RES. ALTHOUGH WE URGED HIM TO HOLD OFF
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UNTIL ALL OUR COSPONSORS NOTIFIED AND ROK AMB FOLLOWED UP

WITH CALL ON FRENCH AMB DE GUIRINGAUD, SUBSEQUENT CALL TO PARIS BY DE GUIRINGAUD CONFIRMED THAT AMENDMENT SHOULD BE TABLED NOV 27.

4. AMENDMENT CIRCULATED MORNING NOV 28 AS A/C.1/L.704 WITH FOLLOWING TEXT: QUOTE: IN THE FIFTH LINE OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2, REPLACE THE WORDS "INCLUDING THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND," BY THE FOLLOWIING WORDS: "INCLUDING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARRANGEMENTS CALCULATED TO PRESERVE THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT,". SLIGHT DIFFERENCE IN AGREED UPON WORDING RESULT OF SECRETARIAT TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH INTO ENGLISH. WE HAVE REQUESTED FRENCH MISSION TO ASK SECRETARIAT TO CORRECT ENGLISH LANGUAGE VERSION SO THAT IT CONFORMS PRECISELY TO INSTRUCTIONS.

5. WHILE WE STILL CONSIDERING MOST APPROPRIATE MANNER AND TIMING OF FORMALLY INFORMING FIRST COMMITTEE OF OUR ACCEPTANCE FRENCH AMENDMENT, IT WILL NOT OCCUR UNTIL AFTER AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL COSPONSORS MEETING MORNING DEC 3.

6. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: OUR EC-9 COSPONSORS (UK, NETHERLANDS, FRG) CONVINCED, AND WE AGREE, THAT FRENCH MISSION WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE RES IN ORDER TO PRESERVE EC-9 VOTING UNITY. THEY RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT USG RAISE ARGUMENT PARA 3 REFTEL A AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN FOREIGN MINISTRY SINCE PROBLEM EXISTS IN PARIS. WE SUGGEST THAT THIS ARGUMENT BE COUPLED WITH TWO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS. FIRST, NORTH KOREAN DEPUTY FONMIN'S SPEECH TO FIRST COMMITTEE NOV 25 MAKES ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT NORTH KOREANS INTERPRET HOSTILE RES AS RECOMMENDING WITHDRAWAL OF ALL US FORCES FROM SOUTH KOREA, NOTWITHSTANDING BILATERAL MUTUAL SECURITY AGREEMENTS. SECOND, UNLIKE LAST YEAR, THERE IS STILL ABSOLUTELY NO SIGN THAT HOSTILE RES COSPONSORS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING COMPROMISE OR CONSENSUS THIS YEAR BUT DEFEAT OF HOSTILE RES IN FIRST COMMITTEE MIGHT INSPIRE SOME RETHINKING ON THEIR PART. SCALI

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